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**Youth Minister Officially Launches 23rd Season of  
Operation for Canada Employment Centres for Students**

**OTTAWA - -** Today the Honourable Pierre H. Cadieux, Minister of State for Youth, Fitness and Amateur Sport, officially launched the opening of Canada Employment Centres for Students (CEC-S) throughout the country by hosting a special breakfast at the National Press Club in Ottawa, for 130 students from across Canada touring the nation's capital as participants with the Forum for Young Canadians.

Also on hand were Mr. Tim Reid, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Douglas Montgomery, Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association representing the annual Business Drive for Job Campaign that has been in place since 1985 to encourage student summer job creation among its members.

Minister Cadieux expressed confidence that the CECs for Students have what it takes to support students in their search for summer work. "The tougher the economic climate, the more essential the services available through the CECs for Students become," he said, adding that: "The 1,000 university students and recent graduates staffing more than 400 CEC-S offices this year will be working extra hard to maintain the standard of excellence of CECs for Students."

Tim Reid, called upon members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to take advantage of student skills and enthusiasm to help their businesses this summer and for the future observing that: "In order to stay competitive in today's business, well-trained, experienced employees are needed."

Douglas Montgomery echoed that call on behalf of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. "The investment made this summer providing on-the-job training for students will pay off in an experienced workforce."

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